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Comments

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union founding convention in 1900 included 11 local delegates representing roughly 2000 members. Reports and Proceedings of the Conventions of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union was published annually from 1900-1908, biennially from 1908-1924, then sporadically until 1937 from which time the convention was held every three years until the union's merger with the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union in 1995 to form UNITE, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees. In addition to election of officers and committee reports, topics discussed include the working conditions, sweatshops, labor unity, organizing, wages and hours, union labels, boycotts, strikes, women's garment industry, labor relations, internationalism, labor legislation, labor education, women's rights, member benefits, and union health centers. The best available original was selected for digitization. Occasionally the original is difficult to read, missing pages, or partially cut off.

REPORT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN WORKERS

NEW YORK, JUNE 9, 10 AND 11, 1902.

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Aside from the labor movement, labor should interest itself in political movement and use the same in its own interests, and that, with strikes, would yet prove labor's salvation.

Being more particularly of the International, he expressed the hope the convention would legislate wisely in the interests of the great body it represented. That he felt certain that the convention would strengthen the organization. In concluding, Bro. Barondess extended to the delegates his personal greeting and his fraternal feelings. The address was warmly applauded.

Albert Grossman then arose and in the name of the convention thanked Brothers McGray and Barondess for their addresses, and concluded by further stating to the delegates that he hoped that they would spend a splendid time during their stay in the city.

A credential of the Buttonhole Makers' Union for Bros. Miller and of Local 94, U. G. of A., was then presented. The committee presented to the convention a resolution. Credential referred to the Credential Committee and resolution to Resolution Committee.

The following telegram from Chicago was then read and filed:

Greetings and best wishes. Yours for class conscious solidarity.

"CHICAGO CLOAKMAKERS' UNION."

President then appointed the following committees:

Resolutions Committee—J. Schwartz, Alex. Block, B. Schlessinger.

Finance Committee—L. Levine, M. W. Shoen, J. Solomon, J. Selyem.

Education, Constitution and Law—B. Schlessinger, M. Leader, N. McCauley, S. Bergman.

Immigration Committee—J. Michaelson, M. Hager, I. Silberman, S. Markush.

Boycotts Committee—Graetz, A. Block, G. S. Robinson, J. Berg and J. Schwartz.

The Resolutions Committee here reported in favor of seating all the forty delegates. Concurred in.

The resolutions of previous convention read and adopted.

Albert Grossman then read his report, which in part was as follows:
Delegates and Officers of the Third Annual Convention

I respectfully submit for your consideration the following report, showing the progress of the work accomplished within the past year, which I hope, will add to your general knowledge of the condition of our International Union as well as that of our trade.

Struggling against fearful odds, and opposed by the forces of scrupulous capital, and hampered by the not less dangerous lethargy of many of the laborers, our organization has, after all, to record some victories, some accessions to its ranks.

The most prominent position in the contest for our rights occupied of course, the United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers. During last year it had more than a hundred shop strikes, ninety per cent. of which were successful.

The agitation against the sweating system was also a prominent feature of the work of the International. Reporters of the leading newspapers, led by our representatives, made tours through the sweating dens, and many a column was devoted to pictures and snap-shots of sweating labor.

Then follows the President's report of his personal efforts in behalf of the International.

He reported of his efforts to affiliate the organizations of waist and wrapper makers and other trades that come under the jurisdiction of our body; of his visits to various organizations in behalf of our label; of his visits among manufacturers and retailers for the same purpose, and of the success attained by the International in the introduction of the label.

Regarding the cutting trade, he reported that the Manhattan Cutters and Helpers, the Gotham Association, and the Cloak and Cutters Union of New York and vicinity, have shown their readiness to join the ranks of our International Union, and that great credit is due our Brother Andrew Smith for his untiring efforts to assist us in affiliating these organizations with our International, as well as for his efforts to bring about harmony in that trade, and he took the opportunity to extend to Brother Smith, in behalf of our organization, his sincere thanks for all of the good work which he has so splendidly and devotedly done for our cause.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That we have a steady organizer in the field for the purpose of organizing new Locals, and attend to the general work of organization and propaganda for the Union Label throughout the country.

That every Local Union shall create a fund for Label agitation and organizing purposes.

That our Locals shall, as speedily as possible, inaugurate a special sick and out-of-work benefits, as well as insurance in the event of

That we concentrate all efforts upon the movement for the stamping out of the disease-breeding, infamous and un-American "sweating

That a general office, fully equipped, shall be established at once, for the purpose of carrying on the work of our International Union.

In concluding he desired to thank our worthy brother, Joseph Baron, for his untiring assistance given us during the year, the founder of our International Union, for his readiness to assist us in every effort which we were making to strengthen our organization, and secure for it respect and recognition before public opinion.

He then turned to our special organizer, Brother Wm. Straus, and to every one of our workers in the General Executive Board, as well as to the organizers in Philadelphia, he cheerfully extended his thanks for their work. The resolutions concluded as follows:

Let us always remember that our Unions must serve as our schools and colleges, where our fellow workers must be educated in organizing, uniting and fighting until our fight for equity and justice is completely won.

Fraternally submitted,

HERMAN GROSSMAN, President.

Report adopted unanimously.

motion of Delegate Ross, of Local 17, the reading of the secret report was dispensed with as the delegates had

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**To the Delegates to the Third Annual Convention
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.**

Dear Sirs and Brothers : —

GREETING!!

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you this report of the work of the International, accomplished since the last Convention held in Philadelphia.

Membership.

Since the last report, submitted to the Second Annual Convention, there has been an appreciable increase in the membership, by reason of the addition of new locals, viz : —
N. Y. City : three in Cleveland, O. : one in Detroit, Mich.
in Rutland, Vt. : one in Philadelphia, Pa., and one in Ill.

Following is a complete list of the locals at present affiliated :

- Local 1. United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers of N. Y. & N. J.
A. Guyer, 8 First Avenue, N. Y.
- Local 2. Cloakmakers' Protective Union of Philadelphia
S. Hartman, 1323 North 8th St., Philadelphia
- Local 3. United Cloak Pressers of Pennsylvania.
P. A. Moskowitz, 831 Sears Street, Philadelphia
- Local 4. Cloakmakers' Union of Baltimore.
Harry Jaffer, 268 Rodgers Avenue, Baltimore
- Local 5. Cloakmakers' Union of Chicago.
R. Schlesinger, 383 West 14th Street, Chicago
- Local 6. United Cloak and Suit Cutters Association,
C. J. F. Uebelhor, 85 E. 4th St., N. Y.

Cloakmakers' Union of Cincinnati,

J. W. Korke, 1435 Providence St., Cincinnati, O.

Ladies' Waist Makers' Union of New York,

Joseph Michelson, 184 Eldridge St., N. Y. City.

Cloakmakers' Union of Cleveland,

Joseph Selyem, 107 Trumbull St., Cleveland, O.

Cloak Pressers Protective Association of Cleveland,

Max Rickman, 69 Theresae St., Cleveland, O.

Gotham Ass'n, Knife Cutters of N. Y. and Vicinity.

Geo S. Robinson, Florence B'ldg, N. Y. City.

United Ladies' Garment Workers of St. Louis,

E. P. Lile, 4466 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Manhattan Knife Cutters' Helpers' Ass'n,

98 Forayth Street, N. Y. City.

Waist and Wrapper Makers' Union of Detroit,

Miss Edna M. Potts, 86—23rd St., Detroit, Mich.

Waist and Wrapper Makers' Union of Vermont,

Miss Charlotte Crafts, 124 River St., Rutland, Vt.

Cloak and Skirt Finishers of Philadelphia,

Cloak and Suit Cutters Union of Chicago,

S. S. Freeman, 2943 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Strikes.

During the past year, strikes to the number of 150 have
aged in, involving 4595 persons. Of the total number,
s have been absolutely won; 18 lost, and 7 compro-
is a result of these strikes, wages have generally been
about 20%.; conditions of employment improved; the
ons recognized and in many cases a shorter work-day

City; Blanner Bros., N. Y. City: Perlberg & Lich
Philadelphia, Pa.

Of this number, four have been adjusted: one
oned because of inability to obtain certain necessary info
and two (Laird & Bonwit and Blanner Bros.) are still pending.

Trip of Organizer.

My reason of the two pending fights before me
and for the purpose of label agitation and organization
with the the consent of the General Executive Board
Secretary - Treasurer made application to President Gou
A. F. of L. to send out, in behalf of the International
organizer, and offering to partially pay the necessary
connected therewith by contributing the sum of \$200.00.
On the above condition, the application was granted, and on
15th last, under instructions from President Gompers,
Wm. Strauss, organizer of the A. F. of L. for Brooklyn,
from New York on an eight week tour, in the course of
all the principal centres as far west as St. Louis, were
advocating the use of our label, in organizing and re-organizing
locals, and in visiting the customers of Laird & Bonwit
Blanner Bros. The trip was productive of much good
several of the locals were re-organized and new ones organized
and also in that assurance of support was obtained from the
owners of the two firms.

Label Agitation.

It is with pleasure that I inform the delegates, of
constant, hard and unremitting work on the part of the
the organization, by entering into contracts with the
well-known manufacturers, we have succeeded in introducing

Financial Report.

Sub-joined in a correct and itemized account of all monies received and expended within the term beginning June 1st, 1901, and ending May 31st, 1902.

Local 1.

Cloakmakers Union, New York.

July 13	5000 Stamps	\$10.00
" 24	5000 "	50.00
Sept. 1	25000 "	250.00
Oct. 23	10000 "	125.00
Nov. 20	5000 "	62.50
Dec. 18	10000 "	125.00
Feb. 2	10000 Stamps	125.00
" 18	10000 "	125.00
Mch 12	10000 "	125.00
Apr. 14	10000 "	125.00

Total 110000 Stamps

Total 1162.50

Local 2.

Cloakmakers Union, Philadelphia.

June 20	200 Stamps	5.00
July 17	400 "	5.00
Aug. 17	800 "	10.00
Nov. 12	400 "	5.00
Jan. 8	400 "	5.00
" 31	400 "	5.00
Feb. 17	400 "	5.00
Mar. 1	Reward	2.75
Mar. 27	1000 "	12.50

Total 4300 Stamps

Total..... 55.25

Local 3.

Cloak Pressers, Philadelphia

June 25	500 Stamps	5.00
Aug. 21	Reward	2.75
" 30	400 Stamps	5.00
Oct. 25	400 "	5.00

Local 4.

Cloakmakers Union, Baltimo

1902

March 4	740 Stamps	2.00
May 23	340 "	3.00

480

Total

Local 5.

CLOAKMAKERS UNION, CHICAGO

1901

	Charter	5.00
July 20	500 Stamps	5.00
Aug. 22	Cincinnati Strike Pen	10.00
Sept. 28	400 Stamps	5.00
Nov. 10	400	5.00

1902

Apr. 7	400 "	5.00
May 27	400 "	5.00

2100

Total

Local 6.

CLOAK & SUIT CUTTERS, N. Y.

1902

Jan. 21	Charter Fee	5.00
May 13	Capita Tax	10.00

Total

Local 7.

SKIRT MAKERS UNION, PHILA

1901

June 30	500 Stamps	5.00
" 28	Cincinnati Strike	5.00
Aug. 30	500 Stamps	6.25
Oct. 28	500 "	6.25
Dec. 30	500 "	6.25

1902

Jan. 23	500 "	6.25
Mar. 26	500 "	6.25
May 12	400 "	5.00

3400

Total

Local 8.

CLOAKMAKERS UNION, SAN FRANCISCO

1901

June 3	1000 Stamps	10.00	Tax 15.00
Sept. 4	400	5.00	" 2.50

Local 9.

MANHATTAN KNIFE CUTTERS, N. Y.

de 6 Cincinnati Strikers.....	8.00
a 20 330 Stamps.....	4.00

320

Total..... 7.00

Local 10.

CLOAK CUTTERS, CLEVELAND.

Feb. 5 Charter Fee	5.00
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Local 11.

CLOAKMAKERS UNION, CINCINNATI

J. 3 300 Stamps	3.00
K. 21 Reward	2.78
- 8 400 Stamps	5.00
v. 20 240 "	3.00
A. 21 240 "	3.00

1180

Total..... 16.78

Local 12.

WAIST MAKERS UNION, N. Y.

y 19 Charter Fee	5.00
- 16 Expenses	4.16
r. 5 1000 Stamps	12.50
26 1000 "	12.50

2000

Total..... 34.16

Local 13.

CLOAKMAKERS UNION, CLEVELAND

K. 16 Charter	5.00
" 400 Stamps	5.00
- 26 400 "	5.00
L. 8 400 "	5.00
21 1400 "	12.00

Local 14.

CLOAK PRESSERS, CLEVELAND

1903

Mar. 4	640 Stamps	8.00
May 27	960 "	12.00

1600

Total

Local 15.

GOTHAM KNIFE CUTTERS, N. Y.

1903

April 7	Charter	5.00
May 27	Per capita tax	7.20

Total

Local 16.

CLOAKMAKERS, ST. LOUIS

1903

April 7	Charter Fee	5.00
May 16	340 Stamps	3.00

240

Total

Local 17.

MANHATTAN KNIFE CUTTERS, N. Y.

1903

April 8	Charter Fee	5.00
May 27	Capita Tax	3.30

Total

Local 18.

WAIST & WRAPPER MAKERS, DETROIT

1903

April 12	Charter Fee	
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Local 19.

LADIES GARMENT WORKERS, RUTLAND

1903

May 22	Charter Fee	
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Local 20

CLOAK & SKIRT FINISHERS, PHILA.

1903

May 23	Charter Fee	
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RECAPITULATION.

Balance on Hand, June 1st, 1901.....	123.74
Stamps @ 1½c.....	1172.79
" " 1c.....	382.00
Assessments.....	42.27
r Fees.....	60.00
Capita Tax.....	20.40
A. F. of L.....	100.00
Labels.....	72.26
Grand Total.....	1909.40

EXPENSES.

To Cincinnati strikers.....	222.00
Postage.....	2.77
Printing.....	11.75
Organizing Expenses.....	63.27
Telegram.....	3.29
Stationery.....	23
Salary (B. Bratt).....	15.00
Advertisemen's.....	1.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	7.25
Car fares.....	65

144.51

Postage.....	4.00
Printing.....	42.75
Telegram.....	1.25
Salary [B. Bratt].....	20.00
Stationery.....	54
Car fares.....	40
Miscellaneous.....	50

70.44

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Strikers Cincinnati.....	10.00
Postage.....	2.00
Per Capita Tax A. F. of L.....	20.00
Organizing Expenses.....	6.50
Telegram.....	50

SEPTEMBER

Postage
Per capita tax.....
Stationery.....
Salary (B. Bratt).....
Miscellaneous Expenses.....

OCTOBER

Postage
Printing
Organizing Expenses
Telegrams
Stationery
Salary (B. Bratt).....
Miscellaneous Expenses.....
Car fare
Expressage.....
Reward of Convention 1901 (B. Bratt).....

NOVEMBER

Salary (B. Bratt)
Postage
Per capita tax.....
Printing.....
Expressage
Stationery
Advertisements.....
Telegrams
Car fare.....

DECEMBER

Organizing Expenses
Salary (B. Bratt).....
Advertisements.....
Car fare
Postage.....
Delegates Expenses to Convention of A. F. of L.

**JANUARY
1902**

Organizing Expenses (A. F. of L.)
Printing
Salary (B. Bratt).....
Postage.....

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Salary (B. Brann).....	23.25
Postage.....	10.00
Organizing Expenses.....	17.50
Printing.....	5.00
Telegrams.....	55
Car fare.....	20
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	53.25

Car fare.....	50
Postage.....	25
Salary (B. Brann).....	25.00
Per Capita tax A. F. of L.	26.67
Expressage.....	90
Stationery.....	1.10
Advertisements.....	3.00
Organizing Expenses.....	38.00
Telegrams.....	1.56
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	16.00
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	112.98

Ribbons for Labels.....	198.78
Printing.....	25.75
Organizing Expenses.....	27.00
Salary (B. Brann).....	27.00
Postage.....	5.00
Car fare.....	2.15
Advertisements.....	6.00
Telegram.....	1.00
Express.....	70
Miscellaneous.....	60
Stationery.....	20
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	294.19

Printing.....	180.25
Salary (B. Brann).....	60.00
Postage.....	20.00
Organizing Expenses.....	15.50
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	9.50
Advertisements.....	3.60

RECAPITULATION.

Strike Benefit Cincinnati _____
 Postage _____
 Printing _____
 Organizing Expenses _____
 Telegrams and Telephones _____
 Stationery _____
 Salary (H. Draft) _____
 Advertising _____
 H. Grossman Expenses A. F. of L. Convention _____
 Car Fares _____
 A. F. of L. Per Capita Tax _____
 Ribbon for Labels _____
 Expressage _____
 Reward to Secretary, 1901 Convention _____
 Miscellaneous _____

	Total _____
Total Income _____	1949 40
Expenditures _____	1552 15
Balance on hand, June 1, 1902 _____	406 25

It is desired to call especially to the attention of the convention the fact that we are now carrying forward a propaganda in the interests of our label and boycotts. Since both these relying in a large measure on the activity in their behalf by our locals, it is suggested to the convention that some plan be devised whereby the locals will be generally interested, it being absolutely impossible to do through the office all of the necessary work, which requires constant and continued activity and agitation on the part of the locals in their respective cities, and the lack of which cannot be remedied by any amount of office work. This assistance is absolutely necessary, and it is certain that only by this means can victory be attained.

In closing, I desire to extend to my associates on the Executive Board, my heartiest thanks for their continuing assistance. I desire to thank the officers of the A. F. of L. and the secretaries of the local unions for their prompt and courteous replies to all communication, and

don motion of Delegate Ross, Brother Barondess, Brother McQuay, lent of the C. F. U., and Brother Ryan, President of the Photo-En-
rs' Union, were seated as honorary delegates, as were also Brothers
and Wieder of the Buttonhole Makers' Union.

he chairman next introduced Brother Abraham Guyer, secretary of
B. of Cloakmakers, Local 1, of the International, who, on behalf
organization, welcomed the delegates to New York and extended to
an invitation to the banquet arranged in their honor for that evening.

pon motion of Delegate J. McCauley, of Local 6, the minutes of the
ntive Session of April 19 were read, as containing the resolutions of
xecutive Board in the matter of the protest of Local 6 against the
ers issued to Locals 15 and 17, to which action of the Executive
Local 6 desired to protest to the convention. Upon motion of Dele-
J. McCauley the minutes were referred to Grievance Committee for

he convention here adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—FIRST DAY.

he convention reconvened. Roll was called. Absentees: L. Bader,
ank, Morris Fried, Benj. Zifrowsky, Paul Goldstein, H. Gold.

congratulatory telegram from Cleveland Local 14 read and filed.

rganizer Herman Robinson, of the A. F. of L., in the name of Presi-
Gompers, offered to the convention President Gompers' regrets for
ability to attend the convention by reason of the pressure of work
adquarters. Further he conveyed to the delegates the well wishes
A. F. of L. and of the New York Unions. He assured the delegates
he A. F. of L. and its Executive Council stood at all times ready
ist the International in its upward fight. Offering his congrats-
to the delegates for the splendid work which had already been ac-
lished by the organization, and after predicting a bright future for it,
er Robinson closed his address, which was warmly applauded. Upon
n of Delegate B. Schlessinger, Brother Robinson was thanked for
me.

resident Grossman then introduced Samuel Prince, as organizer of
F. of L. and as member of the Assembly of the Sixteenth Assem-
istrict of New York City. The delegates took exception to the form

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY

Convention called to order by President Grossman. Roll called
sentees: S. Bergman, L. Bader, H. Gold, Ab. Schwartz, B. Witochl
Gruber, J. Levine.

Upon motion of J. McCauley, of Local 6, a Press Committee
pointed: L. Levine, S. Bergman, J. McCauley, P. Goldstein.

Business agent Chuck, of the U. C. W. of A., then spoke, an
dwelling upon the present improved condition of the tailoring ind
due to more complete organization. in the name of the United B
hood of Tailors he invited the delegates to attend a picnic of that or
tion in a body on the following day.

Invitation accepted.

The Resolution Committee, by B. Schlesinger, its secretary, r
ported as follows:

Resolution No. 1, introduced by B. Schlesinger, Local 5, Chic

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that a system of sick benefi
as that in force in the International Cigar Makers' Union, has pro
be of positive and lasting benefit to the cause of Trade Unionism.

Resolved, That this convention of the I. L. C. W. U. recomm
its locals to adopt this sick benefit system on the same plan as the
International Cigar Makers' Union.

Upon the foregoing resolution the majority reported in favor
resolution as originally drafted. The minority submitted to the
tion that death benefit be included in the resolution.

After considerable discussion it was carried by the conventi
the I. L. C. W. U. recommend positively to its locals the adoption
sick benefit system, and incidentally recommend that the locals als
the death benefit system.

Resolution No. 2, introduced by B. Schlesinger, Local 5, Ch

Whereas, We are aware that the only effectual weapon to be
the struggle for the emancipation of labor is labor's intellectual p

Resolved, That this convention recommends to its locals and
dinate locals to arrange for bi-monthly or at least monthly lect
discussions upon all educational subjects.

...the reports favorably and convention unanimous

reas. The struggle of the United Mine Workers' Union will serve as a factor in the development of the labor movement in general; and, it is of paramount importance to all labor that this great struggle be successful; therefore be it.

Resolved, By the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, in convention assembled, that the International give its moral and support to the United Mine Workers; be it further

Resolved, That each and every member of this organization be taxed as a fund for the assistance of the strikers, and that this tax be approved by the General Secretary and Treasurer by June 15, 1902; it is also resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the United Mine Workers' Union of America.

The Committee reports favorably and convention unanimously supports the committee's recommendation.

Resolution No. 4 introduced by Brothers Selyem and Kurth, of Locals of Cleveland:

reas. Great confusion arises by reason of the fact that the International issues a weekly due stamp.

Resolved, That beginning with the first day of July, 1902, the International issue a monthly due stamp.

Resolved, That in addition the International issues a uniform yearly due membership card, which is to be sold by the organization to the Locals; every member be recognized as being in good standing unless his card is efficient stamps; and,

Resolved, That whereas it is an absolute necessity if it be desired to have the International, that an organizer be sent throughout the country to organize and re-organize locals, and for the purpose of agitating the laboring class and for such other work as the Executive Board finds necessary.

reas. The moneys raised by the present small per capita tax are not sufficient to cover the necessary expense.

Resolved, That an organizer be appointed to act under the supervision of the Executive Board, and that the per capita tax be increased so that the necessary money be raised.

Signed,

H. A. KURTH.
JOSEPH SELYEM.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY

At the opening of the session, roll called. Absentees: Gil Schwartz, H. Gold, S. Frank, Reitman.

A credentialed committee from the National Women's Suffrage appeared and, by previous arrangement, was allowed the privilege of the floor. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of that organization, introduced by President Grossman and she addressed the convention on behalf of her organization. Mrs. Catt spoke most earnestly to the delegates, her remarks containing a pertinent resume of the economic conditions which compelled women to enter the field of labor as male competitors. In the course of her address the speaker declared that as the woman worker was debarred the right of the ballot, so too necessity compel her to labor at a lower wage rate than man, it was nothing but common justice to permit the woman who, under present conditions, was with man equally interested in legislative right of the ballot. After assuming the delegates the every assistance of her organization in the introduction of our label, Mrs. Catt offered to the convention the following resolution:

Resolution No. 5.

Recognizing that the inferior legal and political status of women compels them to enter bid men in the labor market, therefore the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, in convention assembled, advocate the extension of the political franchise to women on the same basis as men.

The resolution was referred to the Resolution Committee and by them favorably. Upon this report it was unanimously adopted by the convention.

Upon motion of Brother Barondess, Mrs. Catt was thanked for her address.

After discussion, resolved by the convention that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the Woman's Suffrage League to further the sale of our label goods among its members. The matter of appointing a fraternal delegate to the convention of the League, to be held in New Orleans, left to incoming Executive Board.

Congratulatory telegrams from A. Guyer, secretary of U. Local 1, New York, Socialist Lit. Society, were read and filed, as

Wilkesbarre, Pa.:

I. L. G. W.U., in convention assembled at the University Settlement Building, herewith extends to you hearty congratulations upon your victory in compelling the railroads of Hazleton to yield to your demand to carry non-union men, coal, iron and police. We see your victory ahead. Long live the United Mine Workers of America.

Yours for fraternity and victory.

INT. LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION.

Resolution No. 6, introduced by Miller and Wieder, Local 94, U. G.

view of the fact that all button holes on ladies' garments are made by members of the United Button Hole Makers' Union Local 94, United Workers of America; be it,

Resolved, That the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union endeavor to help in organizing the craft through which great benefit accrues to the cloakmakers of the city of New York.

our sincere desire that accept this and have it read by all Local Unions of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, that your resolutions be made by our union members only, and oblige, yours,

The United Button Hole Makers' Union.

Local 94, United Garment Workers of America.

Wieder and Miller, representatives.

Resolution Committee recommended on above:

That the International advise its members to in as far as possible see that no button hole makers' work in the shops under their jurisdiction.

Further, That so soon as there will be in Local 94 a sufficient number of button hole makers who work mostly on cloaks and other ladies' wear, a local of these be organized under our jurisdiction. Adopted by convention further voted that a fraternal delegate be allowed Local 94 at next convention.

On behalf of 94, Delegate Wieder pledged to the International the assistance of his organization.

Resolution No. 7, introduced by Delegates Ross and Graetz on behalf of Local 94:

Resolved, That the experience of the labor movement in this country during the last two decades proves beyond a doubt that our great Republic is a land of opportunity for all.

shops, railways, mines, the halls of the land and all the other industries, as well as the legislative halls, the executive mansions, judicial chambers;

Whereas, Under such a condition of affairs the workingman struggles bitterly for a mere pittance in order that their masters, employers should be surrounded by all kinds of luxury—their men toiling from morning till night, with no rest, no pleasure, no life worth speaking of, no home deserving the name, living in a wholesome atmosphere, breathing the germs of deadly disease, their life energy, dying a slow and torturous death at an early age, because the capitalists of the land, in their greed for political, and economic power, demand profit;

Whereas, Better conditions cannot be hoped for to come through the aid of those who oppress and live upon the back of labor, past his roborating the poet's famous saying: "He who would be free must strike the blow";

Resolved, That we, the delegates assembled at the convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers declare that the time has come for the workingmen of this country to organize themselves as a political party, on a platform voicing the interests of labor as a class for the purpose of restoring the United States to the people of the United States, and the country to be collectively owned and controlled by all and for the benefit of all the people;

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the International Ladies' Garment Workers at Convention assembled, adopt the above resolution.
MANHATTAN KNIFE CUTTERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Resolution Committee reports favorably.

Delegates of Local 6 object to adoption until report of Grievance Committee. Objection not well taken, and resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 8, introduced by S. Bergman, delegate Local 6.

Resolved, That this convention elect one more delegate to the Executive Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union to extend the activity of this organization. Fraternally,

SAM BERGMAN

Resolution Committee reports favorably. Adopted, and carried.

All locals of the I. L. G. W. U., and that no charter be granted L. G. W. U. to any organization of cloak makers being composed partly or wholly, of Japs, Chinese or other Asiatics.

That all locals be advised to educate their members towards taking in the independent political movement of the country, similar to actions in the constitution of the Brewery Workmen's National

That all locals be advised to affiliate with the central bodies of respective cities and States chartered by the A. F. of L.

If the above recommendations of resolution 9 favorably reported by the Convention Committee and adopted. Constitution amended to conform.

Resolution No. 10, introduced by H. Magelewsky, of Local 2, Philadelphia.

Resolved, It is of paramount importance to the International Ladies' Workers' Union that all affiliated locals be strongly and firmly advised; and,

Resolved, The three Philadelphia Locals have made no progress and are weakly and insecurely organized, to the disadvantage of the International and all affiliated organizations;

Resolved, That this convention instruct the general officers to be that at the earliest possible moment some action be taken to strengthen these organizations; and further,

Resolved, That if necessary the officers be permitted to send an organizer to Philadelphia for the purpose of organizing the cloak makers locally, provided the Philadelphia Locals will advance the necessary expenses. Adopted.

Signed:

H. MAGELEWSKY

Resolution of Delegate Leader, of San Francisco, it was decided that the Executive Board devise ways and means to establish a trade union for the International.

Resolution No. 11, introduced by Ab. Rosenberg, of Local 1, N. Y.: Resolved, That a clause be inserted in our Constitution providing for exclusion from participation in the conventions of the International for any holding office under either of the two existing capitalistic parties; further, that all such be not allowed to address the convention.

Report of Resolution Committee favorable to the above; minority report adopted unanimously.

Upon motion of J. Barondess, resolution is amended to include giving of notices to members of the I. L. G. W. U. to quit the organization as conformable with the law. Those refusing to be expelled from the organization.

As amended, resolution was unanimously carried. Constitution amended to conform.

Resolution No. 13, introduced by Ab. Rosenberg, of Local 10, New York, as amendment to Constitution:

Resolved, That no member of the I. L. G. W. U. shall at the same time belong to two different Local Unions under the jurisdiction of the organization.

Majority of Resolution Committee reports favorably on the amendment. The minority against. Majority report adopted.

Acting upon the recommendations contained in the President's report relative to the equipment of an office for the International Commission, reports favorably.

Committee's report adopted. Executive Board instructed to carry out the same.

Resolution No. 14, introduced by Joseph Barondess:

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be extended to the Worker of the University Settlement Society for the convenience and accommodation extended to its delegates during this convention.

B. BRAFF.

H. GROSSMAN.

Gen. Secy.-Treas.

Pres.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Upon motion a committee is duly appointed by the chair to investigate the Wrapper Makers' Union meeting held in the Convention building last night. Brothers J. Barondess, Alex. Black, N. Ross, J. Schwartz, Leader, committee.

President Grossman then introduced Brother Wm. Strauss, Organizer.

Brother Strauss addressed the convention for some time. In the course of his remarks he related his experiences and conditions as they are in the country in behalf of the International. He commended the organization upon the splendid work already done and urged long and earnestly upon the necessity of pushing our label into the

Convention called to order at 7:45 p. m. On behalf of the Financial Committee, the following resolution was offered:

Resolution No. 15:

That your Financial Committee, have examined the Secretary-Treasurer's report and found the same to be correct in every respect and recommend that the same be adopted.

From June 1, 1901, to June 1, 1902—

Total income	\$1,989.40
Total expenses	1,583.15
Balance on hand	\$406.25

Signed,

M. W. SCHOEN,
JOSEPH SELYEM,
J. SOLOMON,
LOUIS LEVIN.

Finance Committee.

After discussion adopted unanimously.

That a personal loan of the Secretary, made to Local 11, Cincinnati, during the Bischof, Stern & Steins strike, ordered refunded to Secretary out of general treasury.

That in reporting for the Grievance Committee, Delegate Kurth offered a majority and a minority resolution.

Resolution No. 16. Majority report of the Grievance Committee on behalf of Local No. 6:

That we recommend that there be one Cloak Cutters' Union with two locals, recognizing No. 6 as the head local, because they receive the highest wages.

Moved by Michaelson. Seconded by Silberman. Deciding vote cast by Chairman H. Kurth.

H. A. KURTH, Chairman.
I. SILBERMAN,
JOSEPH MICHAELSON.

Minority report of the Grievance Committee:

That we recognize all the Unions as Locals, but according to the constitution we recommend that the new Executive Board, which will be elected at this convention, call a joint meeting of the delegates representing three locals.

After the reading of the majority and minority recommendations Grievance Committee, a heated debate arose which was participated nearly all the delegates present. The annexed resolution was then as a substitute for the reports.

Resolution No. 17. introduced by Brother Joseph Barondess:

Resolved, That the question under contest pertaining to the Cloak and Suit Cutters' Association, the Manhattan Knife Cutters the Gotham Association of Knife Cutters be submitted to a Com of Arbitration to be composed of the following well known labor movement for final adjustment: Henry White, General G. W. of A.; George McQuay, president C. F. U.; Joseph Barondess man Robinson, secretary C. F. U.; — Chock, secretary Trade U. G. W. of A.

Unanimously adopted.

We, the delegates of the Skirt Makers' Union No. 7, are instructed by our Union to make a complaint of our grievance before the convention we ask to be allowed to set forth our grievance before the Grievance Committee.

Yours respectfully,

S. ROSENBLOOM

M. SHOENE

Further reporting for the Grievance Committee, Delegate Kuffered the unanimous recommendation of the Grievance Committee the grievance of Local 7 against Local 2.

Resolution No. 18. grievance of No. 7, of Philadelphia, against A recommendation to the convention.

That after this convention is adjourned, that we send an organ Philadelphia, and that he call the two unions together at a joint meeting to settle this grievance.

Adopted by the Grievance Committee unanimously.

Motion made by Michaelson. Seconded by Marmor.

H. A. KURTH.

JOSEPH MICHAELSON.

M. HAGER.

I. SILBERMAN.

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Brotherhood of Cloakmakers of New York, Local 1, took the floor. He called to the attention of the convention the article in the Convention Record bearing the title, "Laws Passed for the Benefit of Organized Labor," which article was inserted by some official and which, from the prominence therein given to Mr. Samuel Prince, Tammany's representative in the State Legislature for the Sixteenth Assembly District of New York, was an unwarranted attempt on the part of the official to advertise Mr. Prince. For this reason Bro. Guyer recommended that the article be investigated, and the official responsible be censured.

The President resigned the chair and spoke in his own defense. He admitted the authorship of the article. He denied the motive imputed for the same, and declared that it was an oversight on the part of the printer that the name was introduced into the article. He stated the fact that the printer had failed to carry out his instructions. Bro. Grossman in concluding, called to the attention of the delegates to the fact of his long record in the labor movement, during which no suspicion had ever been directed against him, and stated that he hoped that the delegates would take the same into consideration.

After Joseph Barondess then took the floor and spoke in condemnation of the President's action. In the course of his speech he explained his reasons for believing the President guilty of the charge made against him, and at the conclusion of which he offered the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19, introduced by Joseph Barondess:

Whereas, Against the wishes of the members of the General Executive Board of the I. L. G. W. U., the President of this national organization has used one of our official souvenirs to advertise the Tammany Hall politician Samuel Prince, as the friend of labor; and

Whereas, It has been clearly demonstrated at yesterday's session that the President has been in league with Samuel Prince to pull political strings at our convention;

Resolved, That we condemn this action of our President as unworthy of our confidence.

Several of the delegates spoke in favor of the resolution and in condemnation of the President, and on motion of Delegate Alex. Block, of

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Resolution No. 20, introduced by Abraham Rosenberg, Local

In view of the fact that Brother Joseph Barondess has done great services to the labor movement in general and to the International Garment Workers' Union; and,

Whereas, Brother Barondess was instrumental in building up I. L. G. W. U.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our worthy Brother Joseph Barondess be recognized as an honorable member of the said International with all rights and privileges as any active member of the said organization. Carried.

Further, on the motion of the same delegate, the Constitution ordered printed.

Delegate Israel Silberman requested that the convention send a delegate to Baltimore to organize the trade there. Request granted.

Upon motion of Delegate Block the bill for the photograph gates referred to the locals, each local to be responsible pro rata.

The convention here adjourned till 2 o'clock for the purpose of accompanying the parade of the United Brotherhood of Tailors to the pier invitation extended the convention on previous day.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The President called the convention to order and introduced Henrietta Kaiser, of the Church Association for the Advancement of Interests of Labor. In behalf of her organization Miss Kaiser spoke to the convention the best wishes for success and the assurance of every possible support and co-operation of her organization in attempts that would be made to introduce the International label. Her address was warmly applauded and on motion of Joseph Barondess a vote of thanks of the convention was extended to Miss Kaiser, who was invited to a place on the photograph of the convention, which was accepted. President Grossman, in the name of the convention thanked the speaker for her address and the kindly assurances conveyed.

Resolution No. 21, introduced by Abraham Rosenberg, Local

Whereas, Great confusion arises among the various locals in

Resolution No. 22, introduced by Delegate Abe Rosenberg, Local 1:
Whereas, The United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers, Local 1, of New
is engaged in a struggle against two manufacturers, namely Laird
and Blanner Brothers & Co.

Whereas, The above-named manufacturers endeavored their utmost to
our organization in discriminating against our union men, arrest-
ment in time of strike, obtaining injunctions against our officers, pre-
venting them from working successfully for the betterment of the trade
organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the convention assembled endorse the boycotts against
the manufacturers and endeavor its utmost to help in winning this
and be it further

Resolved, That this convention instructs its officers to send out a man
on road for the purpose of organizing and agitating against the two
in question.

ABE ROSENBERG.

unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 21, introduced by M. W. Schoen, delegate Local 7,
Philadelphia:

Whereas, Brother Joseph Barondess has done valuable service to the
national by his propaganda and assistance so cheerfully rendered;

Resolved, That this Third Annual Convention vote Brother Barondess
a resolution in recognition of the same; and further

Resolved, That the same be engrossed and presented to Brother Bar-
ondess and its context entered on the minutes of this convention.

Signed,

M. W. SCHOEN.

The committee reported on the above in favor of voting Brother Bar-
ondess a vote of thanks, but recommended that the engrossing of the same
be dispensed with. Recommendation of committee carried.

The convention here adjourned to give the photographer, Mr. Man-
n, the opportunity to photograph the delegates.

The President, on the re-convening of the convention, introduced Del-
egate Sparks, of the Retail Clerks' Union, who, on behalf of his organiza-
tion, appealed to the convention to assist his organization in its struggle
for better conditions for the man behind the counter, and gave assurance
to the delegates of the co-operation of his organization in pushing goods

For vice-president, ~~Carroll M. Smith~~ George S. Robinson, 0 votes; Ross, 6 votes; James McCauley, 23 votes. Election of McCauley, election, declared unanimous.

The election of secretary-treasurer was next proceeded with. proceeding with the election, the question of the secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year was discussed. Various motions, amendments and substitutes were entertained in relation thereto. Finally, it was decided that the secretary's salary be \$7.00 per week for the coming year and that he attend to his duties at nights, as heretofore; and that in addition to the secretary-treasurer a permanent organizer be installed. In the debate, Brothers S. Bergman, J. Selyem, J. Solomon, M. Leader, N. J. Schwartz, Alex. Block, James McCauley and J. Levine spoke. On the above conditions Brother George S. Robinson, of Local 15, was elected secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year by a vote of 9 to 7. On motion to declare the election unanimous, some discussion arose, and Brother Robinson then arose and stated that he had reconsidered the matter and withdrew and desired the convention to elect some one else to his position. The convention refused the resignation, but Brother Robinson insisted and on motion of Brother Joseph Barondess the convention voted to reconsider the entire matter. Brother Barondess then offered as a substitute for the other motions as to the salary of the secretary-treasurer it be \$15 per week. This motion was carried by a vote of 26 to 7.

By a vote of 23 for Braff, 6 for Robinson and 1 for James McCauley, E. Braff was declared re-elected. On motion the re-election of the secretary-treasurer was declared unanimous.

Upon motion of M. W. Schoen, of Local 7, the following appointment was made of Executive delegates: New York, 5, so as to give New York a majority to enable the holding of special Executive meetings; Philadelphia, 1; Baltimore, 1; Chicago, 1; Cleveland, 1.

Upon this motion, L. Levine, 20 votes, and S. Bergman, 22 votes, were elected as the New York delegates, who, with the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, made 5 for New York. For Philadelphia, M. W. Schoen was elected; for Baltimore, I. Silberman; for Chicago, Schlessinger; for Cleveland, J. Selyem.

efforts of the President. The report was received by the convention and a vote of thanks of the convention offered President Grossman.

Her Benj. Schlessinger, of Local 5, Chicago, elected as the delegate to the next convention of the A. F. of L., to be held in New Orleans.

Report of Committee on Labels:

Resolved. We, the Label Committee of the International Garment Workers' Union, knowing that the label is of the greatest benefit to member labor unions; therefore be it,

Resolved. That we, the Label Committee, do hereby recommend the following resolution:

That all locals be requested to agitate the label by appointing a Label Secretary whose duty it shall be to agitate and advertise the label in the neighborhood in which the locals are situated.

That the General Executive Board appoint a member in each shop to be a Label Committee in the shop where he is employed on recommendation of the locals represented in the respective shops.

Where there are two or more local unions of the International Garment Workers in any locality they shall elect a label secretary. He shall be responsible for the maintenance of the label.

That the label shall not be granted to any firm unless the shop is wholly organized by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

That no label shall be granted to any manufacturer or contractor unless all requirements of the Factory Laws are complied with.

The label shall only be granted to a manufacturer who has all his work trimmed and made under his direct supervision.

That every Local Union shall create a fund for label agitation and organizing purposes.

That we concentrate all our efforts upon the movement for the eradication of the disease-breeding, infamous and un-American sweating system.

That the General Executive Board be empowered to defray the expenses of sending a delegate to all International Conventions composed of member unions.

~~The above resolution was adopted at this meeting.~~

Report of the Committee on Boycotts:

1. That all boycotts referred to the General Executive Board shall be accompanied by an endorsement of the Central Body if the Local Union is located.

2. That no boycott shall be enforced without due investigation General Executive Board.

3. Whereas, we, the Boycott Committee of the International Workers' Union, in convention assembled, knowing that a boycott at the right time and the right place is one of the most effective of Labor Unions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That any Local Union having cause to place a boycott do so only after all other means of adjustment have been exhausted.

GEORGE S. ROBINSON, Secretary

Accepted unanimously.

Resolution No 24, introduced by Brothers Selyem and Kurth gates of Locals 13 and 14, of Cleveland:

Whereas, The conventions must select a place for the holding next convention; and,

Whereas, It is very desirable and practicable that the next convention be held in some centrally located Western city; and

Whereas, The International has three locals in Cleveland; and,

Whereas, Cleveland is a convenient, centrally located city and because of its central situation make sure of a convention;

Resolved, That Cleveland be selected as THE place for the holding the next convention.

Signed,

H. A. KURTH,

JOSEPH SELYEM

Unanimously adopted.

Unanimously resolved that the secretary-treasurer give a bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Brother George McQuay, president of the C. F. U., administered the incoming officers and Executive Board the pledge of the International. The officers and Board then declared them the permanent and

Executive Board.

On motion of N. Ross, Brother M. London, the counsel of the International, was voted the thanks of the convention for his work on our behalf. Also a vote of thanks was extended to Brother George McQuay, president of the C. F. U., for his kindly efforts during the convention.

Upon motion of Delegate James McCauley, President Grossman was voted the thanks of the convention for his untiring work in behalf of the International, and as a further testimonial of appreciation he was voted a gift to be purchased and selected by a committee of the Executive Board.

Upon motion of Delegate Alex. Block, the Executive Board was instructed to order a button for the use of the members of the International.

The closing addresses of the convention were held by President Grossman, Secretary Braff, Joseph Barondess, M. London and George McQuay, and were all warmly applauded.

With three hearty cheers for the International, the convention adjourned sine die.

B. BRAFF,
General Secretary-Treasurer.

